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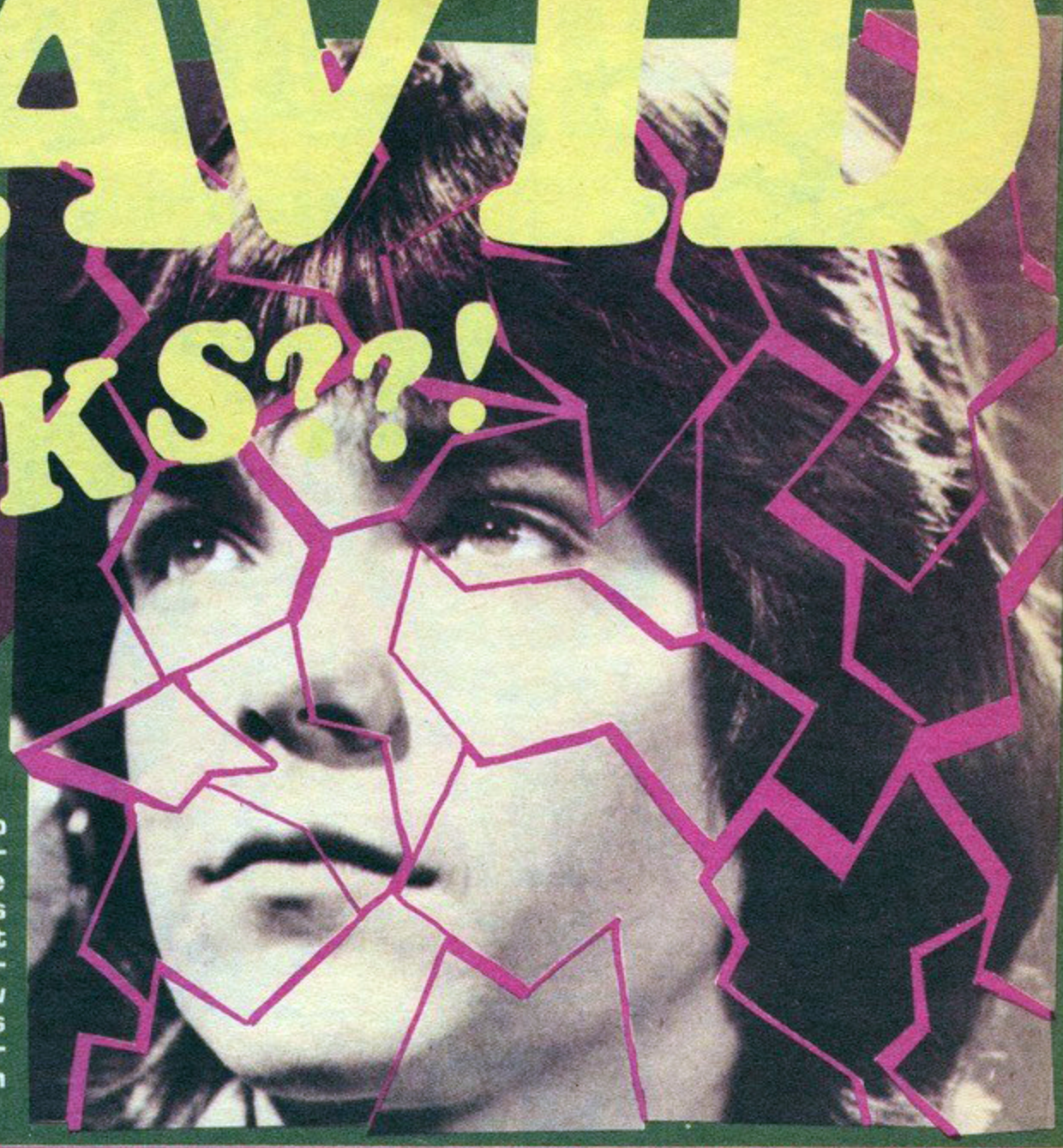

PART 1

Pressures Were Building To The Breaking Point—And David Cassidy Seemed To Be Headed For The Brink! Friends Were Even Whispering About A "Possible Nervous Breakdown!" What Happened? How Is David Now? Find Out, As You Read This Terrifying Account Of David's Near-Brush With Disaster!

Life was not fun any more for David Cassidy, the "boy who has everything." He was paying the price of his enormous fame and popularity, and tho he could measure his financial assets in millions of dollars, he was emotionally and spiritually on the verge of bankruptcy!

In Europe, where David spent the early part of the year, he was so besieged that his life became a living nightmare. Hotels would not have him, and he could not ride in cars sitting up for fear of being recognized. He had to ride in automobiles lying on the floor covered with a blanket, and could only get outdoors by disguising himself with cumbersome wigs and beards. "Even then," a close friend explained, "he could only go out at weird hours, and had to confine himself to the more dismal and less populated areas of a city. With a few exceptions, all he saw of Europe were the slums."

PSYCHIATRIST AND PIMPLES?!

Last year, David had to stop seeing his psychiatrist, because his schedule forced him to miss so many appointments that the therapy was becoming useless. He was having trouble getting to sleep, and was plagued by a skin condition which hits him whenever he gets too nervous or exhausted. And his love-life was suffering, too—that "one girl" David has always been looking for became one-girl-after-another-after-another. The requirements of his career and the consequences of his fame simply wouldn't allow for the natural development of a normal boy-girl relationship.

What made David's European journey even more agonizing was the thought that he would have to rush back to Hollywood immediately after the tour was over, and begin—on May 1st—shooting for this fall's **Partridge Family** episodes. As we all know, if there is one thing David **hates** more than anything else he has to do, it's playing the role of Keith Partridge (whom David cruelly refers to as "that mentally retarded jerk") from early morning till late afternoon five days a week.

IS IT TOO LATE?

"David was **extremely** discouraged," said one of his associates, who asked that his name not be used. "He would tell us that he was afraid he just couldn't face it. He'd barely had a total of 48 relaxed hours during all those months in Europe, and then he'd be off to the PF set, which he loathes. We were very worried about him. We really didn't know if he would make it through the spring and summer—it was touch and go. I think David was up against a real emotional crisis."

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Could David Cope With His Crisis? Find Out What Happened, And Why You May NOT See David Cassidy On The Partridge Family **This Fall. See Part 2 Of** David Cracks??!**, In The October Issue Of** 16**, On Sale August 21.**